



Comptroller General
of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: English Boiler & Tube, Inc.
File: B-257345
Date: July 24, 1994

DECISION

English Boiler & Tube, Inc. protests the Department of the Army's refusal to allow its prime contractor under contract No. DACA27-94-C-0014 to furnish equipment to be manufactured by the protester. English Boiler asserts that this situation arises from an unduly restrictive interpretation of a specification.

We dismiss the protest because our Office generally does not review the selection of subcontractors. Specifically, our Office does not review subcontract awards by government prime contractors except where the award is by or for the government. 4 C.F.R. § 21.3(m)(10). That test is not satisfied simply because the government directs or controls the selection of a subcontractor; rather, the government must handle substantially all substantive aspects of the procurement. See Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp.--Recon., B-252979.2, Aug. 25, 1993, 93-2 CPD ¶ 120.

Accordingly, the protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Berger".
Ronald Berger
Associate General Counsel